

Senior Enlisted Academy Expands, Includes Non-Resident Course

A Distance Learning program at the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy is now allowing senior chiefs and master chiefs to learn away from the classroom, enabling them to continue their routine jobs and save the Navy money.

The Academy offers two courses -- resident and non-resident courses. Each course is intended to enrich each student and build upon what they already know.

The non-resident course is open to active-duty and Reserve Sailors and is offered twice a year, with plans to increase its frequency. Each non-resident student will attend a 'kick-off weekend' to meet their instructors, get their laptops and disks with course material, and learn what is expected of them for the next 15 weeks. For those 15 weeks, students can expect to spend one to four hours a night working on course material.

After those 15 weeks, all the students will then meet in Newport, R.I., for two weeks to give oral presentations, go on a naval heritage trip, listen to guest speakers and complete few writing assignments.

The Senior Enlisted Academy said the average course will grow to 65 students by next year. Additionally, the resident course will reduce from eight to six weeks in the beginning of January.

For more information on the Senior Enlisted Academy, visit the Center for Naval Leadership page on Navy Knowledge Online at www.nko.navy.mil.



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